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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER MPEP 708.02(X)

Sir:

This is a petition under MPEP 708.02(X) respectfully requesting that the above reference application be made special for expedited prosecution. The requisite petitions fee of \$130 (one hundred thirty dollars) under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is payable by check no. 012999 in the sum of \$130 presented herewith. Any underpayment may be debited from and any overpayment credited to Deposit Account No. 03-0678. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

*Inter alia*, the present invention encompasses polynucleotides coding for polypeptides useful in the diagnosis and/or treatment of HIV infections and to such polypeptides. For example, the impact of such polypeptides (cytokine receptors) upon the diagnosis and/or treatment of HIV infections is clear by a cursory review of the two articles appended hereto: Nature, Vol. 381, pp. 661-666 (June 20, 1996) and Nature, Vol. 381, pp. 667-673. In particular, certain chemokines have been shown to inhibit HIV-1 replication, and

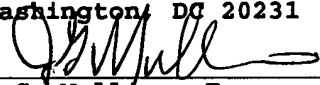
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receptors for certain chemokines have been identified as cofactors for HIV-1 entry into target cells.

Accordingly, the present invention would be expect to, and could, potentially have a significant impact on the diagnosis and/or treatment of HIV infections. Hence, special status under MPEP 708.02(X) for expedited examination should be granted. Such is respectfully requested and early notice to that effect would be greatly appreciated.

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